Plantation of trees in drought prone areas

246. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan for large scale tree plantation in drought prone areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds earmarked for the purpose during the last two years and the funds actually utilised during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing Clean and Green programme for the last three years under which large number of seedlings are raised for plantation on forest and non-forest lands, with major thrust on drought prone areas. Details of funds allocated and utilised for this purpose during the last two years in drought prone districts of Andhra Pradesh are given below:

Rs. in lakhs

1998-99		1999-2000	
Allocation	Utilisation	Allocation	Utilisation
10205.56	9782.55	9842.19	9251.42

Forestry projects of Orissa

247. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the forestry projects being implemented in Orissa at present;

(b) the amount spent on these projects during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan periods;

(c) the progress of these projects, till date; and